

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MINUTES OF THE</b> <b>Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language</b> <b>Pathology and Audiology</b> <b>January 12, 2004</b></p>
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The Georgia State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology met Monday, January 12, 2004 at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Board meeting was called to order with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Yvonne McNeil, Chair  
Kaye Williams Hill, Vice-Chair  
Al DeChicchis, Ph.D.  
Winn Hill

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Alan B. Whitehouse, M.D.

**STAFF PRESENT**

Lee Tracy, Executive Director  
Beverly Cobb, Applications Specialist  
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER** –Yvonne McNeil, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:46 a.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion, K. Hill, seconded DeChicchis, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and investigations. Voting in favor of the motion were McNeil and W. Hill. The Board **concluded Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

**OPEN SESSION**

**MINUTES**

Motion K. Hill, seconded DeChicchis and motion carried to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2003 meeting.

Motion DeChicchis, seconded K. Hill and motion carried to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2003 conference call.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Ms. Tracy brought House Bill 625 and House Bill 717 to the Board's attention. House Bill 625 will provide temporary permits for foreign-born professional counselors for whom English is a second language to practice as professional counselors primarily to persons with whom he or she shares a language fluency. House Bill 717 would give

Psychologists limited prescriptive authority. Ms. Tracy also reported that there had not been any Board appointments to the SLP/A Board made by the Governor at this time.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Letter received from Georgia Organization of School-based Speech-Language Pathologists on January 9, 2004 regarding documenting participant attendance for CEU credit. Response – The Board will not approve Best Practices Workshops sponsored by GOSSLP until the Board is provided with evidence of verification of participant attendance, e.g., daily AM/PM sign-in/sign-out sheet and/or attendance stamps given at the end of each session.

Memo from Registered Nurses Board referring to statutory authority for registered professional nurses to perform and interpret otoacoustic emission (OAE) measurements for the purpose of assessing cochlear functioning. Response – Motion K. Hill, seconded DeChicchis, and motion carried that a letter be drafted by K. Hill and DeChicchis to Lesley Graham Poole, DHR, clarifying the status of RN's conducting OAE screening and diagnostic testing and that this letter be reviewed by Janet Wray, Attorney General's office. Compose another letter to be drafted by K. Hill and DeChicchis and sent to LGP, GSHA, GAA, and GOSSLP after being reviewed by Janet Wray, Assistant Attorney General, and Board members.

Fax received January 12, 2004 from Janet Wray, Assistant Attorney General, to be tabled until February 9, 2004 Board meeting.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Rule changes for Chapters 609-2 and 609-3 will continue to be discussed at the February meeting.

Motion DeChicchis, seconded K. Hill and motion carried to accept the proposed meeting dates for 2004 with the exception of February. Board will meet February 9, 2004 instead of February 23, 2004.

The nominees for officers for 2004 were as follows:

Al DeChicchis	Chair
Winn Hill	Vice Chair
Kaye Hill	Cognizant

Motion McNeil, seconded K. Hill and motion carried to accept the slate of nominees as presented.

The recommended website changes will be reviewed by Board members and discussion will continue during the February meeting.

The List of States Licenses Approved and Disapproved for Licensure by Endorsement will continue to be reviewed and discussed during the February meeting.

### **APPLICATIONS**

Motion DeChicchis, seconded K. Hill, and motion carried, to accept the recommendations on applications.

#### **CEU PROVIDER**

Audina Hearing Instruments	Denied
Beltone	Approved

#### **ASHA**

Frances Dingman	Approved	Victoria Raleigh	Approved
Tia Fortes	Approved	Terry Spalding	Approved
Susan Franklin	Approved	Nancy Stein	Approved
Patricia Krouson	Approved	Jenna Van Rijn	Approved
Joseph Metzker	Denied	Nancy Walls	Approved
Kelly Nail	Approved	Laura Wessel	Approved
Jessica Niederkorn	Approved	Julianne Wright	Approved
Carolyn Ortiz	Approved		

#### **EXAMS**

Jacqueline Butler	Approved	Brenetta Jackson	Approved
Natalie Collier	Approved	Jade Kelly	Approved
Michael Crosby	Approved	Haley Kimbro	Approved
Amy Fuher	Approved	Corrine Mitchell	Denied
Carolyn Glenn	Approved	Virginia Rand	Approved
Heather Gothelf	Pending-GA address	Whitney Sumerall	Approved
Lindsay Griner	Approved	Jennifer Welch	Approved
Kimberly Horton	Approved		

#### **REINSTATEMENT**

Patricia Beers	Approved	Michael Renninger	Approved
Mary Consolini	Denied	John Riley	Pending-Consent Order
Mary Consolini	Denied	Jennifer Wall	Pending-course description
Michelle LaBonne	Pending-certificates		

#### **SPEECH AIDE**

Marlena Drummond	Approved
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#### **ENDORSEMENT**

Stephanie Cotton	Approved	Miranda Owens	Approved
Vanessa Parkinson	Denied	Jennifer Powers	Approved
Karen Patterson	Pending-Letter of job description and listing of CEUs by course		

#### **REACTIVATE**

Jana Gill	Approved	Jodi Lewis	Pending-CEU description
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### **COGNIZANT'S REPORT**

- SLPA040011 Investigative Committee interviewed applicant. Applicant signed Private Consent Order with the following conditions: \$1000.00 fine to be paid within sixty days and two additional continuing education hours in the area of ethics to be obtained within one year of signed consent order.
- SLPA040004 Request interview to be scheduled for February meeting.
- S.L. Recommend acceptance of CEU for completion of Private Consent Order.
- N.D. Request letter to be sent stating compliance with Private Consent Order.

### **INVESTIGATIONS**

Motion DeChicchis, seconded K. Hill and motion carried to accept signed Private Consent Order for K.H.

Motion DeChicchis, seconded W. Hill and motion carried to accept CEU offered for completion of Private Consent Order for S.L.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, motion McNeil, seconded K. Hill and motion carried to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

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Yvonne McNeill, Chair  
GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF  
EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-  
LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY  
AND AUDIOLOGY

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